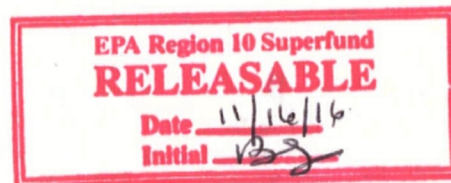




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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Future Roles and Responsibilities of Superfund and Radiation Program Staff in Addressing Idaho Slag Problems

FROM: Philip Millam, Chief *PM*
Superfund Branch

TO: George Abel, Chief
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I am writing as a follow up to our meeting on June 30, 1991, concerning the role of the region's Radiation Program staff in future Superfund activities pertaining to Southeast Idaho slag. In my opinion, the meeting was very productive, both in terms of clearing the air about past interactions and laying the groundwork for a more productive working relationship in the future. I appreciated your candor and openness, and hope that you felt likewise.

In order to facilitate more clear communication and a better understanding of expectations in the future, it is my recollection that we agreed to adhere to the following roles and procedures from here on out:

- It is recognized that Radiation Programs staff have exceptional expertise and experience in the area of radiation science, and that their input and advise will be valuable to resolving potential problems associated with radioactive stag. It is likewise recognized that policy decisions pertaining to the need for and/or selection of methods for site remediation are ultimately the call of the Superfund program. In assisting the Superfund program, Radiation Program staff will serve in an advisory capacity only and will not, in their interactions with individuals outside the Agency or at Headquarters, give the impression that they are speaking for Superfund on specific issues.
- If specific requests for assistance are likely to put regional Radiation Program staff at odds with their counterparts in the Office of Radiation Programs at headquarters, Superfund staff will be notified.

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- Superfund will put all requests for assistance of Radiation Program staff in writing.
- Following transmittal of the request, the staff from the two programs will meet to: (1) clarify any questions associated with the request, (2) come to agreement concerning the respective roles and anticipated depth of involvement of various individuals (including regional and headquarters staff), and (3) discuss the schedule, format and likely content of anticipated deliverables. The agreements reached at this meeting will be documented by Superfund staff.
- In responding to requests for information, Radiation Program staff will strive to provide a range of opinions and options, rather than focus solely on limited personal preferences.
- If Superfund staff are dissatisfied in anyway with the support being provided by the Radiation Program, or visa versa, timely feedback will be provided.
- For a variety of reasons, the Superfund program may at times find it necessary to seek advice and/or direct assistance from experts in the field of radiation science outside of the region or Agency. This is not meant to reflect a lack of confidence in the quality of assistance available in-house.

Hopefully the above listed procedures will help us both to know what's expected and, therefore, enable our staffs to do their respective jobs more easily and effectively. I suggest that we get back together at some point in the future to verify whether the new strategy is working or whether we need to readjust.